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SUBJECT: SRSG ANGELO MULLS MINURCAT ROLE IN MILITARY BORDER  
OBSERVERS FOR DAKAR PEACE PROCESS

REF: LIBREVILLE 293

11. (U) THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE: SEE PARA 6.

12. (SBU) SUMMARY: UN SRSG VICTOR ANGELO TOLD THE AMBASSADOR 4/16  
THAT A UN FORCE OF 100-150 MILITARY OBSERVERS COULD BE PLACED  
RELATIVELY QUICKLY ALONG THE CHAD-SUDAN BORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE  
DAKAR PEACE ACCORD IF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC) WERE TO AGREE  
TO EXPAND THE MINURCAT MANDATE. HE ASKED OUR OPINION OF THE IDEA.  
WE SAID WE THOUGHT IT MERITED FULL CONSIDERATION AND WOULD ADVISE  
WASHINGTON OF HIS PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY.

MAKE MINURCAT "THE SPINE" OF MILOB BORDER FORCE  
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13. (SBU) SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL VICTOR  
ANGELO TOLD AMBASSADOR APRIL 16 THAT HE WAS CONSIDERING PROPOSING TO  
THE SYG THAT MINURCAT'S MANDATE BE EXPANDED TO MAKE IT RESPONSIBLE  
FOR A MILITARY OBSERVATION FORCE ALONG THE CHAD-SUDAN BORDER TO  
IMPLEMENT THE DAKAR PEACE ACCORD. ANGELO SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE  
DAKAR PROCESS GAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACCORD  
TO THE ALL-AFRICAN CONTACT GROUP, THE GROUP HAD FEW MEANS AND LITTLE  
EXPERTISE IN ESTABLISHING AND RUNNING A PKO LIKE A MILITARY BORDER  
OBSERVATION FORCE. THE UN OF COURSE HAS BOTH. ANGELO ESTIMATED THAT  
A MILOBS FORCE OF 150-200 PERSONNEL COULD DO THE JOB. HE SAID THAT  
MINURCAT, ALREADY PROTECTED BY EUFOR, IS WELL-PLACED TO CARRY OUT  
SUCH A MISSION. IT WOULD REQUIRE ONLY AN EXPANSION OF MINURCAT'S  
MANDATE BY THE UNSC TO INCLUDE A MILOBS BORDER MISSION FOR MINURCAT  
TO GET TO WORK. FORCE PROTECTION WOULD BE PROVIDED BY EUFOR (AS  
ALREADY PROVIDED FOR IN THE UNSC RESOLUTION.)

14. (SBU) ANGELO SAID THAT IF HE WERE GIVEN A MILOBS BORDER  
OBSERVATION MANDATE, HE WOULD FIRST REQUEST PERSONNEL FROM THE  
CONTACT GROUP COUNTRIES - SENEGAL, LIBYA, GABON, AND ERITREA - THEN  
SEEK PERSONNEL FROM OTHER MUSLIM COUNTRIES, AFRICAN AND NON-AFRICAN.  
ANGELO SAID THAT MINURCAT COULD COORDINATE ITS MILOBS MANDATE WITH  
UNAMID ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CHAD-SUDAN BORDER. ANGELO NOTED  
THAT THIS IDEA WAS COST-EFFECTIVE, CREDIBLE, AND RELATIVELY EASY TO  
PUT IN PLACE.

15. (SBU COMMENT: THIS STRIKES US HERE AS A SOUND IDEA. EUFOR HAS  
THE MANDATE TO PROTECT AND ASSIST MINURCAT. EXPANDING MINURCAT'S  
MANDATE TO INCLUDE MOUNTING A MILOBS BORDER OPERATION ALONG THE  
BORDER WOULD GET CHADIAN ASSENT, WE BELIEVE. SUCH A FORCE WOULD BE  
ABLE TO PROVIDE A NEUTRAL AND CREDIBLE ACCOUNT OF CROSS-BORDER  
INCURSIONS AND DISCOURAGE BOTH SIDES FROM SUCH INCURSIONS.  
CURRENTLY THE UN AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS ONLY THE  
"WARRING COMMUNIQUE" ISSUED BY CHAD AND SUDAN AS TESTIMONY TO WHAT

IS HAPPENING ON THE BORDER. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW KHARTOUM OR LIBYA  
WOULD REACT.

¶6. (SBU) ACTION REQUEST: THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDER ACTING IN  
NEW YORK TO EXPLORE THE IDEA OF AN EXPANSION OF MINURCAT'S MANDATE  
TO INCLUDE A BORDER MILOBS MISSION SUCH AS THE SRSG HAS PROPOSED

¶7. (U) TRIPOLI MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.